REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-9 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 2-3 and 10-14, and claims 15-17 have been added. No new matter has been added.

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 10/101,936, Applicant hereby incorporates the claim of priority from Japanese Application No. 2001-088408, filed on March 26, 2001, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to NEC Electronics Corporation at Reel 013790, and Frame 0506.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted

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